



RYLA – Rotary Youth Leadership Award

An amazing adventure is coming in June!

June 16 – 18, 2017, District 7510 and District 7470 will host the annual RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award). This three-day intensive program is designed to teach high-school juniors leadership skills. They will be able to use these skills for the rest of their lives.

RYLA is known District-wide for changing people's lives and helping them understand how they can partner with Rotary to make a difference in this world. One hundred high school juniors are expected to converge on Drew University, not only to learn from the best and brightest in our Districts, and also to learn from each other and figure out how they can support each other in their ongoing projects.

RYLA starts Friday night with a series of welcome remarks, and proceeds right into making sure the students get to know each other. Saturday morning they are treated to motivational and inspiring speakers. The speakers will help the students not only see what they can do, but give them actionable takeaways to improve themselves and implement their own ideas.

The afternoon agenda is designed to be experiential learning. These events have been specifically designed for the RYLA students. They will intentionally push them and will have them achieve excellent outcomes while learning.

The highlight of the weekend is a speech given by a motivational speaker who truly teaches the students, in a unique way, how to "break through your fears." This fundamental experiential learning, coupled with positive groups of people, never fails to excite and inspire the youth. It teaches them the values that Rotary holds so dear.

The next morning, we talk about what they can do by providing them with opportunities within Rotary to continue to serve and work together. These include Interact club short-term and long-term exchanges, as well as opportunities throughout the two Districts to become leaders who are capable of making changes in the world.

Rotary clubs around our districts say that this is one of their favorite events because it changes people's lives. Mark, a past attendee said: *"This was the most amazing experience of my life!"* Pam from Moorestown said: *"What I learned here I will use for the rest of my life."* Jason said it was *"amazing."*

RYLA still has a few vacancies left, so if you have a student who is interested, please see the President of your Rotary club for an application. All students are sponsored by the Rotary club for \$275 inclusive. For complete information and go to [http://rotarydistrict7470.org/SitePage/2017-ryla-\(rotary-youth-ldrshp-award\)](http://rotarydistrict7470.org/SitePage/2017-ryla-(rotary-youth-ldrshp-award))

Club Presidents: Please return completed applications with checks to PDG Barry Kroll, 27 Laurel Way, Madison NJ 07940. The registration deadline is May 31, but EARLY REGISTRATION is recommended.